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## 'MAGNET FOR VANDALISM'

A pedestrian checks out graffiti scrawled on a statue of Edward Cornwallis on Thursday in Halifax. One face read "fake," while the opposite side read "self-righteous ass." Story, page 3. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Dartmouth man charged in cold case murder

## North Kentville.

Rhonda Wilson disappeared from home in August 2002

A 45-year-old Dartmouth man has been charged with first-degree murder in the 11-year-old disappearance of Rhonda (Corbin) Wilson.

Albert Baird, a former Kings County resident, appeared in Kentville provincial court Thursday.

Baird did not enter a plea during the brief court appearance, and the case was adjourned to June 24 to set the date for a preliminary inquiry.

Wilson was 31 when she disappeared from North Kentville in August 2002. Her spouse called New Minas RCMP on Aug. 10, saying she had left



Albert Baird is seen in this June 2011 photo. KINGS COUNTY REGISTER FILE

their Mee Road home three days earlier to go for a walk — but did not return.

She had infant twins at home and shared custody of an older daughter.

Wilson was four-foot-nine and weighed only 100 pounds when she disappeared.

Adeena Stevens, a friend and neighbour of the family, remembers Wilson well. "She

was a wonderful little lady," Stevens said. "Kind and generous."

"She loved her children more than life itself. She would never just walk away and leave them."

According to the RCMP, Wilson's remains have not been located and a spokesman could not say where they are looking for the woman's body.

However, police have been stationed at a property on Black Hole Road in Sheffield Mills since late Wednesday.

A portion of the former farm property, roughly nine kilometres from where Wilson was last seen, had been cordoned off with police tape. Police have not confirmed activity there is connected to the Wilson investigation.

Neighbours said there were once open manure pits on the property when it was used for farming. **KINGS COUNTY REGISTER**

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# Tag, you're it: Statue hit again

**'Self-righteous ass'?**  
Graffiti spray-painted  
on Cornwallis statue,  
a popular target  
of local vandals

It's been attacked by ninjas, doused in fake blood, augmented with a felt vagina and now, defaced with some rather highbrow graffiti.

The statue of Edward Cornwallis, Halifax's controversial founder, just can't catch a break.

"It's clearly a magnet for vandalism, I'd say," said Jon Tatttrie, author of the recently published book *Cornwallis: The Violent Birth of Halifax*.

On Thursday, the monument in Cornwallis Park sported the words "self righteous ass" across the front in gold cursive handwriting. The word "fake" was scrawled childishly in large red letters across the back.

It's not known when the vandalism happened, though a park user told Metro Halifax the statue was unmarked on Tuesday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police said they'd received no complaints as of Thursday morning.

"Random acts of graffiti aren't the way to solve the problem, but I think they do point to the fact that there is a problem," said Tatttrie.

The vandalism coincides with several animated public discussions following the recent launch of Tatttrie's book examining Cornwallis' actions in Nova Scotia.

The book was inspired by the controversy over naming public places in honour of the military commander, given his decision to levy a scalp bounty on the Mi'kmaq in hopes of driving them out of the province.

"I think the statue fails to address the full role of Cornwallis. It's not surprising that other people will have a go at filling in the blanks," said Tatttrie.

As far as blanks go, Tatttrie was drawing one when asked about the possible meaning of the messages.

"For all we know, it's someone who thought he looked like a self-righteous ass, or perhaps they were talking about someone else and just using that as their platform," he said.

An HRM spokesperson said the city hopes to remove the graffiti as soon as possible.

CLARK JANG/FOR METRO



Cursive graffiti can be seen on a statue of Edward Cornwallis in Halifax on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Bomb unit called in over suspicious item



Emergency responders in a blocked-off area in Millbrook on Thursday. SHERRY MARTELL/TRURO DAILY NEWS

RCMP are investigating a bomb scare that led to evacuations in Millbrook on Thursday.

Cpl. De-Anne Sack of Millbrook RCMP said a suspicious device was located by a community member at the end of a property line on Abenaki Road in the morning. The community member placed it in a trash can and took it to

the RCMP around 11:15 a.m.

Upon investigation, it was confirmed the device was not an explosive.

"It was dressed up to look like one.... It was definitely homemade and we don't even know how long it was sitting there. I can't speculate why someone would create this," Sack said Thursday afternoon.

She described the device as

a two-foot stick surrounded by packing tape, with three shiny items.

To ensure public safety, Highway 2 was blocked off between Brooks Lane and William Barnhill Drive and the nearby Millbrook Preschool was evacuated.

Businesses within a 100-metre radius of the device were also evacuated, as

were community elders, the band office and a convenience store.

Around 1:40 p.m., the explosive-device unit from Halifax used a water cannon to "blow up the device," said Sack, adding the situation was then declared safe.

The closed roads were reopened just before 2 p.m.

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Kirsten Taggart holds a plate of delicious vegan fare outside her new restaurant, The Wild Leek, which was open for its first day on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Vegan restaurants take root in Halifax

**'Super tasty.'** The Wild Leek and enVie serve up veggie-friendly options in contrast to recent burger boom



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Move over, gourmet burgers.

Halifax is welcoming two new restaurants this summer that focus on the greener side of the plate.

The Wild Leek on Windsor Street opened its doors Thursday morning, but has a grand opening in three weeks, while enVie on the corner of Agricola and Charles Street will open in July.

"It's super tasty, anyone can come to a vegan restaurant," said Wild Leek owner Kirsten Taggart.

"I love cooking. I just wanted another outlet so I could

continue on the journey of food," said Taggart, who studied culinary arts in her hometown of Vancouver.

Taggart said, as a vegan, she decided to keep her menu full of daily specials she could eat herself, like tofu ricotta wild mushroom tarts, sandwiches, tofu sliders and salads.

She said she also wanted to "embrace the community" of her west-end spot, and invited local artists to put up displays along the walls.

Diandra Phipps of enVie returned home to Halifax after living in Germany for three years and learning to cook while helping out at a friend's restaurant.

"We're trying to do the new vegan," Phipps said.

Phipps is planning menu items people might not expect to be vegan, like artisan cheeses, creams and sauces, plus gluten-free items to appeal to the growing market of diners with a wheat intolerance.

"A lot of people are skeptical about vegan food just because of the PETA, soapbox, save-the-animal campaign, but it's not going to be that kind of place," Phipps said.

Although "it's funny" that six gourmet burger places popped up in a year, Phipps isn't worried about attracting customers.

"I'm really confident about the quality of our food, and the service, and just the atmosphere we're going to provide," Phipps said.

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# Summer of 'muscle shirts and tank tops' ahead for N.S.

**'Balmy.'** Spring may have seemed chilly and miserable, but forecasters say it was pretty standard

Summer is just around the corner, and the weekend forecast offers a tantalizing preview of what's in store.

"There will be more

muscle shirts and tank tops out there, drinking beer on outdoor patios and people strolling and thinking, 'Isn't life wonderful?'" predicted David Phillips, senior climatologist for Environment Canada.

The sun is expected to make an appearance, and temperatures will peak on Saturday with a high of 29 C.

While Environment Canada's next three-month weather projection won't be

released until Saturday, Phillips said Nova Scotians can be optimistic that June, July and August will be "balmy" — but not as hot as last year, which was the warmest season on record in Atlantic Canada.

"People who felt they'd have to pay for last summer being so nice — there's no sense to that," he said. "Nature doesn't balance things out like that."

But that's not to say the province will be immune to

How far we've come

## 9.8 C

The historical average temperature for Halifax in the month of May.

rain or severe weather such as thunderstorms or microbursts, said Phillips.

The prospect of sunshine will be a welcome end to a chilly — but ordinary —

spring.

"At times you may have thought it was miserable, but everything was normal," said Phillips, who noted May temperatures sat on the historical average of 9.8 C.

A normal spring may have translated into a sluggish start to the growing season for some farmers across Nova Scotia, who will be welcoming the warm weather as a chance to speed up crop growth.

"Fruit development has been a little bit behind, but it's catching up fairly fast," said Stephen Van Meekeren, an apple and pear farmer in Kentville.

"If we get a few weeks of cool weather in the past, and a few days of extreme above-normal temperatures, that would catch you right up," said Van Meekeren. "It looks like this weekend will advance us quite a bit."

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## Dartmouth. Woman hit by vehicle while telling cops she was almost hit by vehicle

Police are investigating a bizarre vehicular attack in Dartmouth that ended with a woman in hospital, suffering serious injuries.

Around 6:20 p.m., Halifax Regional Police officers were called to Brompton Road by a woman who said another resident had nearly hit her with their vehicle.

Officers arrived and were approached by a woman who said she'd been involved in the dispute.

As they were speaking,

near Everette Street and Bonnie Brae Trailer Park, a van appeared from Everette Street from Brompton Road. It sped up, swerved towards the police vehicle, striking it — and then hitting the woman talking to police.

The officers took a 32-year-old woman into custody.

The 46-year-old woman who was hit by the van was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

The investigation is continuing. **METRO**

## 20 days. Move to dock former MLA's pay may not lead recovery of funds

A Nova Scotia committee unanimously approved a motion Thursday to dock the pay of former Liberal politician Manning MacDonald after he took a month-long vacation to Florida while the legislature was in session.

But the NDP deputy premier who introduced the motion conceded that it might not result in the recovery of any money since MacDonald abruptly resigned Wednesday.

Frank Corbett made the motion to dock MacDonald's salary for the roughly 20 days he was absent without permission. But he later said he had been told by the Speaker's Office that it was unlikely they could demand the salary.

"I guess we're asking for clarity," he said after the meeting. "We're trying to make sure we've exercised all of our possibilities."

Corbett, along with other NDP and Progressive Conservative members, voted against



Former Liberal MLA Manning MacDonald. **METRO FILE**

a motion by Liberal Andrew Younger to have all members of the legislature subject to the same rule — that their pay can be docked if they are absent without permission.

Younger said it showed the exercise was more about politicking and trying to smear the reputation of the long-serving Cape Breton politician rather than clarifying the rules on absences.

"This is really about trying to get points when they're low in the polls," Younger said.

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The group that owns three veterinary clinics in Halifax has said it will no longer perform declawing procedures on cats, citing the pain and long-term problems associated with the procedure. **METRO FILE**

# Kittie hurrah: Vets no longer declaw

**A round of a-paws, please.** Clinic group cites pain, long-term problems as reasons for discontinuing procedure



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Three animal clinics in HRM will no longer declaw cats, saying the procedure is unnecessary and one that "causes a lot of pain."

Peter Ainslie, CEO of Halifax Veterinary Hospital Inc., said

his team decided to stop offering declaw procedures a couple months ago, but just posted the new policy to their website on Wednesday.

"I think if clients were truly informed of what was done, they wouldn't go ahead.... It's not fair to the animal because of the suffering," Ainslie said.

Although the clinics in Fairview, Halifax and Spryfield only get 12 to 20 declawing requests a year, Ainslie said having a definite policy protects veterinarians from feeling pressured into the procedure by a cat owner.

If you're worried about the cat scratching your furniture, there are options such as keep-

ing claws trimmed or using paw covers that won't cause long-term problems, Ainslie said.

"There's arthritis and a whole lot of things that will be there as (declawed cats) grow older and cause other complications," he said.

Hugh Chisholm, founder of the Atlantic Cat Hospital and owner of feline mayoral candidate Tuxedo Stan, said he's glad to see a group of vets taking a stand against declawing, or onychectomies.

"Imagine your fingernail where it turns pink, and you know that if you go back that far suddenly it hurts," Chisholm said.

### NSVMA

The Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association has banned cutting the tails and ears of dogs for cosmetic reasons, but so far has not taken a stance against declawing cats.

"Claws are the same ... in order to make sure the nails don't grow back, we have to remove the entire nail bed."

Chisholm said if a cat that's been de-clawed gets outside, they might not be able to defend themselves if they run into trouble.

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Tie those shoelaces and put the pedal down: Halifax is gearing up for the biggest Bike Week ever, with 50 events for

cyclists of all ages and levels planned over the next 10 days.

Hanita Koblents, active transportation co-ordinator for HRM, said it's the residents and community groups who really make the week something special. "It looks like HRM is putting in a lot of effort because it's on our website, but really it's the residents and these groups," Koblents said.

Bike Week 2013 includes family rides, cycling tours of

## Bike Week events

The full list is online at [halifax.ca/bikeweek/scheduleofevents.html](http://halifax.ca/bikeweek/scheduleofevents.html)



galleries, and Bike-In Cinema.

"One of our objectives with Bike Week is growing a bicycle culture so a lot of these activities, even if they don't involve cycling, they celebrate (it)," Koblents said.

The scope has widened to include events outside the Halifax peninsula, with planned rides in Eastern Shore, Sheet Harbour and along the Musquodoboit River. "It's kind of nice because we have good coverage — wherever you live there's an event."

The Switch "block party" on June 9 will close down two kilometres of roadway between Agricola Street, South Park and Spring Garden Road.



Cyclists circle around the front of city hall on May 14 as part of a kickoff for Halifax Bike Week, which runs from May 31 to June 9. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

## Crime. Halifax police warn about costly gold jewelry scam



Police are looking for these two people in connection with a fake gold jewelry scam. CONTRIBUTED

Fraud cops in Halifax are asking people to help find two scam artists who are peddling fake gold jewelry from the back of their car.

A release from Halifax Regional Police states the integrated financial crime unit has received several complaints in the last couple of weeks about a man and woman approaching people at pizza shops with jewelry for sale.

The pair claims the items are worth thousands of dollars and offer them for a fraction of the cost, using high-pressure sales tactics to close the deal.

Afterwards, the suspects

leave the area, and police say the jewelry often turns out to be polished brass.

According to the release, some victims have lost "thousands of dollars."

The man and woman are both said to speak with an Eastern European accent and were seen leaving one incident in a 2012 Volkswagen Golf with a Quebec licence plate.

They are not believed to be from Halifax, but investigators think they're still in the Halifax area.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers or police.

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## Head-on crash

### Driver airlifted to Halifax

The RCMP are investigating after a man was airlifted from Cape Breton to Halifax with serious injuries following a head-on crash around 4 p.m. Wednesday on Highway 105 in Millville.

A sport utility vehicle crossed the centre line and collided with a tractor-trailer. The driver of the SUV, a 23-year-old man, was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Mother, baby injured

### Man charged with impaired driving

Police say a 25-year-old man is facing charges after he allegedly crashed a car while impaired. A seven-month-old baby and his mother were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Cape Breton Regional Police say the accident happened on Mira Road near George Street in Sydney around 4:50 a.m. Thursday. Police say the driver is the father of the child. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Despite fresh allegations and loss of staff, Ford is 'doing fine'

**Status d'oh.** T.O. mayor keeps cool despite new reports he said he knew where alleged video was

Rob Ford brushed aside questions on Thursday about a new claim that he knew the whereabouts of an alleged crack cocaine video in another chaotic day that saw two more aides leave.

As the storm continued to rage, Toronto's defiant mayor said he's "not stepping aside."

Repeatedly asked about the allegations, Ford simply said: "Anything else? Anything else?"

That left his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, to denounce a Toronto Star report — which did not name its sources — that alleged the mayor told senior aides not to worry about the video purportedly showing him smoking crack because he

## Nothing to see

"I'm running in the next election. Things are going great and we're doing fine."

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford

knew where it was.

"This is the Toronto Star trying to keep the story alive," Coun. Ford said.

"In my opinion, we have a disgruntled employee, ex-employee I should say, that obviously is upset that's thrown these false accusations out."

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne expressed concern Toronto residents were losing confidence, saying Ford "needs to deal with his personal issues."

"The premier should take care of the problems she has at Queen's Park right now," Ford shot back. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has lost a total of five staff members since the scandal broke. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Nabbed in Alberta

**Second arrest in killing linked to the scandal**

Police said a second arrest has been made in the March killing of a Toronto man believed to be seen with Ford in a photo linked to the crack scandal.

Police said Hanad Mohamed, 23, was arrested last week in Fort McMurray, Alta., in the death of Anthony Smith and was to appear in court in Toronto on Friday charged with first-degree murder.

Nisar Hashimi, 23, was arrested in April and also faces first-degree murder charges in Smith's death.

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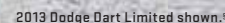
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# Could you tell if Ford is fibbing?

**A lesson in deception.** Expert describes how one might try to crack Toronto's crack scandal

Human beings make poor lie detectors — our gut feelings lead us astray, and we tend to rely on false stereotypes about shifty-eyed liars.

"Most people perform around the level of chance ... the same accuracy as would be expected simply by flipping a coin," said Leanne ten Brinke, a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley, in an email interview.

In her doctoral thesis at University of B.C. Okanagan, ten Brinke tested our ability to detect high-stakes lies — specifically televised pleas for the safe return of a missing loved one,

comparing genuine pleas to those of people later found to have killed the missing person.

The genuine pleaders expressed sincere sadness on their faces and gave relatively long pleas, she said. The liars had difficulty appearing genuinely sad; instead they showed subtle smiles and surprise.

"Because many of the muscles in our face are not under strong voluntary control, they

could not bring their eyebrows upward and together, as occurs in genuine sadness. Instead their eyebrows only came upward — making them appear surprised," ten Brinke said.

Her best advice is to throw away stereotypes — especially that liars will look shifty or gaze in a certain direction.

Instead, look for inconsistencies in verbal, facial and body-language behaviours, and

for "leakages" of real emotion.

Asked about finding the truth in the ongoing Rob Ford crack-video scandal, ten Brinke said her research can be a great tool for investigative reporters.

"If you notice some suspicious behaviour, you probably want to question the person further about that topic — they could be hiding something that you might be able to reveal."

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## Partners signing for mining

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera visits Parliament Hill on Thursday. During his stay, Chile and Canada signed a renewed partnership framework that included "a strong commitment to responsible resource development" and the exchange of expertise, "including research and development to reduce the environmental footprint of mining." Canadian mining operations abroad continue to attract opposition, particularly over environmental concerns. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Lethbridge, Alta. Three women charged in brawl at children's hockey game

Police in southern Alberta have charged three women after a fight at a children's hockey game earlier this year.

A police news release says officers were called to the Adams Ice Arena in Lethbridge in February about a disturbance involving several spectators.

A verbal exchange about obscene language being used around the youngsters led to one woman punching

another, pulling her hair out and throwing her to the ground.

A third woman then kicked the victim.

Thirty-four-year-old Tania Lenni Day Chief, 54-year-old Theda Day Chief — both of Standoff, Alta. — and Tamara Margaret Day Chief, 24, of Glenwood, Alta., each face one count of assault.

They are to appear in court on June 19.

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# Harper mum on dealing with scandal

**Ottawa.** PM has failed to address questions about how he directed staff to deal with expense issue last fall

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is steadfastly refusing to acknowledge any question about his leadership during the months last winter when an expense scandal involving three of his Conservative Senate appointees was in the public eye.

Harper has spent the past three days insisting that he first learned that his chief of staff had helped pay off Sen. Mike Duffy's \$90,000 in improper expense claims only after the public was told by CTV in mid-May.

But he has failed to address questions about how he instructed his staff to handle the expense revelations after they first aired late last fall.

Neither Harper nor his NDP and Liberal counterparts were in question period Thursday, so it fell to Heritage Minister James Moore to bear the brunt of the opposition onslaught.

"Duffy keeps the \$90,000 while the receiver general gets \$90,000 from an illicit deal that was so wrong it cost Mr. Wright his job," said Liberal MP Ralph Goodale.

"Will the government repudiate the dirty money and instead garnish Duffy's wages and seize his assets so he pays for his wrongdoing,



Prime Minister Stephen Harper  
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not some deal-maker in the PMO?"

Harper faced more than 40 direct questions on the affair in the House of Commons this week but has not provided any information on who in his office was asked to handle the scandal, what instructions they were given, or why his chief of staff took it upon himself to give \$90,000 to a senator accused of improper housing expense claims.

Duffy stopped co-operating with an independent audit of his expenses once the \$90,000 was paid back. Conservatives in the Senate cited that repayment in declaring the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit.

Duffy and Sen. Pamela Wallin are no longer part of the Conservative caucus, along with Sen. Patrick Brazeau, another Harper appointee accused of improper expense claims.

Sen. Mac Harb has left the Liberal caucus while fighting what he says are unfair accusations that he too abused his Senate housing allowance.

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## Biological information

### Supreme Court won't hear woman's appeal to ID sperm donor

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear an appeal from a woman who wanted to know the identity of her sperm-donor father.

Olivia Pratten sought to take her case to the high court after the British Columbia Court of Appeal threw out an earlier decision that sided with her.

She argued that offspring like herself should have access to information about their biological past, as is the case with people who are adopted.

The appeal court said she has no constitutional right to information about her biological father.

The court said providing such information would amount to state intrusion into the lives of many people.

As usual in such decisions, the Supreme Court gave no reasons for refusing to hear the appeal.

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## Baird urges political solution to Syrian violence

Reports of a Russian arms shipment to the Syrian regime and the rejection of peace talks by opposition groups raised fears Thursday that international efforts to bring an end to the civil war in Syria are at risk.

A political solution is the only way to end the violence, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and his German counterpart stressed Thursday after bilateral talks in Ottawa.

Both men expressed concern over reports that Syrian

President Bashar Assad received Russian anti-aircraft missiles.

"Syria has received the first shipment of Russian anti-aircraft S-300 rockets," Assad was quoted as saying, adding: "All our agreements with Russia will be implemented and parts of them have already been implemented."

Baird called the reports regrettable, if true, while German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle characterized the development as unappreciated.

The U.S. and Russia were to meet this week in Geneva to hash out a plan to get both sides together for peace talks, but the Syrian National Coalition, a major opposition group, suggested that for now there's no place for talks.

"The talk about the international conference and a political solution to the situation in Syria has no meaning in light of the massacres that are taking place," a spokesman for the Syrian National Coalition,

### Arms race

The concern with the influx of weapons isn't just about them making it into the wrong hands, but also the start of an arms race between opposition groups and the Assad government.

Khalid Saleh, told reporters in Istanbul. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# They run this town, for better or worse

With Toronto's Mayor Rob Ford making headlines across the globe, we take a look at some of the scandals (or lack thereof) facing mayors in Metro cities across Canada. See how your city compares.

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## Edmonton

After serving nearly three terms, Mayor Stephen Mandel has remained relatively squeaky clean in terms of scandalous behaviour. He has, however, received criticism as the primary driver behind the new downtown Edmonton arena deal, a \$600-million, primarily publicly funded deal that critics argue benefits a billionaire owner.



## Winnipeg

Mayor Sam Katz came under fire earlier this year after a local businessman sued him for conflict of interest when he hosted a city staff Christmas party at his restaurant. Last week, he came under fire for spitting out his gum onto a lawn.



## Toronto

The latest in a string of Mayor Rob Ford scandals started with the Toronto Star and Gawker reporting that there is a video appearing to show Mayor Rob Ford smoking crack and muttering "I'm f---ing right-wing;" calling Justin Trudeau a "fag;" and calling the high school football players he coached "just f---ing minorities."



## Halifax

Unlike his predecessor, the current mayor of Halifax is so far scandal-free. The only whiff of controversy came just after Mike Savage was sworn in, when he revealed he used his campaign funds to pay himself a \$10,000 monthly stipend for the three months after he quit his regular marketing job to run for office. It didn't contravene any campaign financing laws.



## Vancouver

In the fall of 2008, then mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson took some heat when it was discovered that he had a \$173 unpaid fine for travelling two zones on SkyTrain on a one-zone fare. Robertson had planned to challenge the fine, but ended up paying it ahead of the civic election — which he won handily.



## Regina

Regina Mayor Michael Fougere is squeaky clean, having been in office for about seven months.



## Saskatoon

When first elected as mayor in 2003, Saskatoon's Don Atchison caused a stir when he insisted that people — from residents to media to office staff — had to dress in semi-formal (as in, a tie) attire to meet with him in his office.



## Ottawa

Mayor Jim Watson, a self-described "boring" mayor, has been criticized for engaging in semi-frequent "Twitter fights" with outspoken constituents.



## Calgary

In 2011, popular Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi accepted a flight to Toronto paid for by a private company to speak at a symposium. No conflict of interest was found. This year, many raised eyebrows at a \$400-per-ticket, closed-to-public event Nenshi held to launch his upcoming civic campaign.



## London

Mayor Joe Fontana was charged in November with fraud under \$5,000, breach of trust by a public officer and uttering forged documents after an RCMP investigation. He is accused of using a \$1,700 federal government cheque to cover a room deposit for his son's 2005 wedding reception. Fontana denies the allegations, which have not been proven in court.



## Montreal

Montreal is currently governed by interim mayor Michael Applebaum, pictured, who took power after Gerald Tremblay resigned in November amid the Quebec corruption inquiry. There was testimony that Tremblay was aware of his party's alleged illegal financing and price-fixing in the construction industry, but did nothing to stop it. Tremblay denies he was aware of wrongdoing.



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## China. Miracle boy rescued from sewer pipe released to grandparents

The mother of a Chinese baby boy who was rescued from a sewer pipe beneath a restroom shortly after birth is unlikely to face criminal charges because authorities concluded he fell into the toilet accidentally, local officials and media reports said Thursday.

The baby was released from a hospital to his maternal grandparents late Wednesday, while his mother, 22, remains under medical care. The infant was rescued from

### An accident, say police

The mother raised the alarm about the baby when he got stuck Saturday in a pipe below a toilet in a restroom. But she had cleared away signs of a birth and did not immediately come forward as the mother.

a pipe underneath a squat toilet in Zhejiang province.

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The baby rescued after being trapped in a sewage pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Tunisian Femen activist fined; more charges pending



Protesters at the courthouse in Kairouan, Tunisia. NAWFEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Amina Sboui.** Activist went into hiding due to death threats; now she's accused of writing 'Femen' on a cemetery wall

A court convicted the Tunisian member of the Ukrainian feminist group Femen Tuesday for carrying an "incendiary object" and fined her \$182.

She remains in custody pending more serious charges.

### Supportive dad

"I am proud of my daughter, who has honoured the rights of women."

Mounir Sboui, Amina's father, who made the comment in an interview and was in court to support her.

Amina Sboui, who posted topless photos of herself online as part of a women's rights protest, attempted to carry out a new protest on May 19 in the religious centre of Kairouan. She was arrested and charged with carrying a canister of pepper spray.

Prosecutors on Thursday, however, said they are considering bringing more serious charges against her, including desecrating a cemetery and offending public decency, according to defence lawyer Mokhtar Jannene.

Sboui will appear in court again June 5.

Outside the court, about 200 protesters, including many religious conservatives, chanted slogans against Sboui, accusing her of attacking the city and insulting Islam. They also shouted insults at the defence lawyers and accused them of "sully-ing" the image of the city, a centre for religious pilgrimage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Trip to Mars comes with radiation risks

**Long voyage.** Readings by U.S. rover find astronauts would face raised cancer risk if they were to go to red planet

Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with as much cosmic

radiation as they'd get from a full-body CT scan about once a week for a year, researchers reported Thursday.

That dose is enough to raise their cancer risk by about 3 per cent, but experts caution that there are many uncertainties about the space environment's effects on the body.

As plans for deep space exploration ramp up, radiation is a big concern — from high-

## Quoted

**"You want to get there as quickly as possible (to reduce radiation exposure)."**

Don Hassler, scientist in charge of the radiation instrument aboard Curiosity

energy galactic cosmic rays spewed by distant supernova explosions to sporadic bursts

of charged particles hurled by the sun. Earth's magnetic field helps to deflect much of that harmful radiation.

The U.S. space agency, NASA, aims to send a crew to orbit the red planet by the mid-2030s. Private outfits like Inspiration Mars — backed by NASA engineer-turned-space tourist Dennis Tito — are seeking volunteers for a Mars flight.

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Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with cosmic radiation, say researchers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ NASA/FILE



## Power and politics

A man lifts weights during lunch hour on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa on Thursday. Canada's capital reached 28 C Thursday, and was expected to top 30 C on Friday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Darwin's 'mom' in court to get him back

**Ikea monkey.** Abuse allegations dropped as Toronto real-estate lawyer describes unusual bond with 'son'

A primate sanctuary is no longer alleging that the Ikea monkey was abused by the woman who calls herself his "mom," who wept in court Thursday as she described her bond with her "son."

Yasmin Nakhuda took her monkey, Darwin, everywhere, she testified. Nakhuda, a Toronto real-estate lawyer, took him to work, the gym, shopping, to a wed-

ding, and brought him in the shower with her.

She took him to an Ikea in December, locked his crate and the car and told him she would be right back. But Darwin escaped and ran around the parking lot. Toronto Animal Services scooped him up and sent him to Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary in Sunderland, Ont.

Nakhuda sued the sanctuary to get Darwin back, alleging she was tricked into surrendering the monkey. The case is not a custody battle — rather, Nakhuda is suing for recovery of property.

She has gone to court twice to get Darwin back.

At one hearing the sanctuary alleged she had abused the monkey, by "strangling" him and hitting him with a wooden spoon.

At the outset of the trial Thursday, Kevin Toyne, the lawyer for the sanctuary, said it was withdrawing those allegations in the interest of keeping the trial short.

Nakhuda, who vehemently denied the allegations at the time, shook her head in court as the sanctuary lawyer made the announcement.

She testified that she knew it was illegal in Toronto to own a pet monkey and said if she gets Darwin back the family will move to the city of Kawartha Lakes,

## Suing for a reunion

Nakhuda has gone to court twice in unsuccessful bids to get Darwin back: At one of those hearings the sanctuary alleged she had abused the monkey by "strangling" him and hitting him with a spoon.

- At the trial Thursday, Kevin Toyne, the lawyer for the sanctuary, said it was withdrawing those allegations in the interest of keeping the trial short.

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## Actor battered over iPhone

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The driver asked to borrow his iPhone. After Hanson leaned into the window and handed him his phone, the man stepped on the gas. "I had a fight-or-flight reaction," recalled Hanson, who grabbed the inside of the car.

Soon the driver sped

up towards a parked car. "I knew if I didn't let go, he was going to pin me between (the parked car and his vehicle) ... So I let go and started rolling," Hanson said.

His face took the brunt of the damage, but he said plastic surgeons have assured him his actor's visage will be back to normal eventually.

"If not, you know, a few scars might make me look a little tougher," he said with a laugh. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Jeff Hanson in hospital after Tuesday's incident. COURTESY JUNE MITTLER

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## Super Size Me. CEO dines at McDonald's 'every single day'

They might start calling it the McDiet. McDonald Corp.'s CEO Don Thompson revealed at an analyst conference this week that he shed about 20 pounds in the past year by getting his "butt up" and "working out again." But he said he hasn't changed his habit of eating at McDonald's "every, single day."

Thompson, who has been on the job for less than a year, was responding to a question about how the world's biggest hamburger chain is adapting amid growing concerns about obesity.

Thompson said he lost the weight by getting active again. He noted that Europeans walk a lot and it's rare to see Europeans who are "very, very heavy."

"And so I think that balance



McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, shown in 2010, says he's lost 20 pounds in the last year by working out — but he still eats at the Golden Arches daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

is really important to people," he said. Thompson did not provide any other details about his weight or diet. A representative for McDonald's did not immediately respond to a request for more details.

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# Who's in the money? Canada's bank CEOs

**Executive pay.** A list of the highest-paid bankers on the continent includes heads of 6 Canuck banks

Canadian bankers were among some of the highest-paid banking executives in North America last year, with three in the Top 10, according to a new list compiled by Bloomberg Markets magazine.

In all, six Canadian bank CEOs were in the Top 20, led by the Royal Bank of Canada's Gordon Nixon, who came in at No. 4. Nixon's total pay package was \$12.6 million US in 2012 according to the listings, up 25 per cent from the year before, when he was in eighth place.

Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh was bumped down one spot to seventh place, with \$11.1 million US,

### Most overpaid

- The Bloomberg Markets magazine rankings also put RBC's Gordon Nixon, Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh and TD Bank's Ed Clark among some of the most overpaid CEOs when comparing compensation to a bank's average assets, stock performance and return on equity.



This man has 12.6 million reasons a year to smile: Gordon Nixon, CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, came in at No. 4 on Bloomberg Markets magazine's list of the highest-paid bankers in North America. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

followed by TD Bank's Ed Clark, who was No. 8 on the list with \$10.8 million US.

Clark's pay actually went down by almost five per cent from the year before, when he was at No. 5, as did that of three other Canadian bank CEOs on the list.

Gerald McCaughey, CEO of the Canadian Imperial Bank

of Commerce, took home \$9.3 million US, nearly eight per cent less than the year before. That was still good for 11th place, but down from ninth in 2011.

The Bank of Montreal's William Downe — No. 12 — took in \$9.2 million US, seven per cent less than in 2011, when he ranked No. 10 on the list.

National Bank of Canada chief Louis Vachon rounded up the Canadian bankers on the list at No. 17 with \$7.2 million US. That was 1.4 per cent less than he made in 2011, when he held the 14th spot.

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# IS FORD BUILT TO LAST MUCH LONGER?

It's that time again, when we arm you with the week's top stories and send you out, bristling with informed confidence, to the water cooler.

**1 Rob Ford? Wasn't he the mayor of Toronto?** He still is, maggot. But for how long? The rats are fleeing for the emergency exits — five personal staffers have bailed and the week's not over. Who's next? His barber? Meanwhile, the mayor keeps doing his bizarre tribute to the Black Knight from Monty Python and the Holy Grail, denying there's a video out there featuring him getting Ford-faced on crack. It's just a flesh wound!

**2 Moses' got nothing on this kid:**

Alone and afraid, a woman in China gave birth to a baby boy on the toilet. Apparently, baby slipped down the drain and the new mom called the Chinese equivalent of 911.



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**Paul Sullivan**  
metronews.ca

Miraculously the infant was rescued from the sewer pipe. From where he's starting, everything going forward is good news.

**3 We're No. 3!**

The OECD (don't bother looking it up) has determined that Canada is the third-happiest nation on earth. No. 2 is Sweden, which is always in our face, and No. 1 is Australia. Throw another shrimp on the barbie! Criteria include work-life balance, income, housing, and something called the Mick Jagger Factor, or "satisfaction" for short. Canada gets the happiness bronze medal instead of the gold; after all, Rob Ford is still the mayor of Toronto. Just wait until next year, maggot.

**4 The rich get richer: 0**

Sure it's a cliché, but boy it's true. According to the World Bank, the world's richest eight per cent snag 50 per cent of the world's income. Here's one reason the Democratic Re-

public of the Congo did not place in the top 15 of the world's happiest nations: its per capita annual income is \$231. Compare that to Monaco, where it's \$171,465. If I were trying to make ends meet in the Congo, this news would not make me happy.

**5 Attack of the Killer Beaver:**

Here in the world's third-happiest country, the beaver is a symbol of cheerful industry and diligence, not to mention the nation's founding fur. In Belarus, the beaver is just another nasty rodent. Some guy tried to have his picture taken with one, which bit him, severing an artery in his leg. The poor guy bled out. Now Belarus is trying to figure out what to do about an increasing population of increasingly aggressive beavers. There are 80,000 beavers in Belarus. Who knew?

**6 Speaking of Biebers:**

Another iconic Canadian rodent was in the news this week, this time for racing around the 'hood in his hot car, scaring the neighbours and fuelling the paparazzi. Call in the Bieber-control officers. This kid is out of control.

## ZOOM

### Monk's best friend



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#### The Tiger Temple: Where monastery meets sanctuary

Under the cool shade of a tree, a Buddhist monk affectionately embraces a tiger. Elsewhere at the Tiger Temple in Kanchanaburi, Thailand, a young tiger was spotted happily playing

around in a pool of water with a fascinating new toy. There are some 100 tigers at the temple that live alongside monks. Founded in 1994, the animal reserve is based at a Buddhist temple. The first cub arrived in 1999 after her mother was killed by poachers nearby.

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#### Critics: An illegal breeding facility

The attraction is a controversial one, as animal-rights groups claim it's an illegal breeding facility and that the tigers are not cared for properly. However, a three-day investigation by ABC News did not find any evidence of poor conditions. METRO

#### Quoted

"If you think they rescue abused tigers, or that the tigers will be released into the wild, they won't be."

Philip Mansbridge, CEO of animal welfare charity Care for the Wild

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Are you fed up with how useful and informative your Twitter feed is? You can easily take a few steps toward correcting that by following these accounts for a rich vein of occasionally bizarre, but always witty, wordplay.



#### @dogsdoingthings:

I'm tempted to say the name says it all, but it barely scratches the surface of this account's vision of dogs engaged in impossibly high-concept activities, usually with a disdainful eye cast upon their alleged best friend (that would be us.)

**@twortmanteaus:** A port-manteau is the sometimes awkward collision of two words to make a new one. Think "brunch." For other ex-

amples, follow this character who spends the day RTing miscellaneous musings from tweeters, creating new words from their tossed off thoughts.

**@dataisplural:** Puns tend to be a love or hate thing. If you hate them, you're wrong. If you love them, congratulations on your excellent taste and don't waste another second before following this champion of groan-inducement.

#### Comments

**RE: More Staff Leave Mayor Rob Ford's office, published May 30**

Re staff leaving...this doesn't make sense; when considering that fish rot from the head. So doesn't the solution go without saying? **Lloyd A, posted to metronews.ca**

The only one that should be

thrown out of city hall is Rob Ford!!! ASAP!!! The man is a disgrace to the city of Toronto. **punxie89, posted to metronews.ca**

Wait, so he actually admitted to there being a video, and even knowing where it was? If that's true, it's no wonder his staff members are fleeing. **Alison, posted to metronews.ca**

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## Synopsis

In Will Smith's new sci-fi movie *After Earth* he stars as Cypher Raige, a general in the intergalactic peacekeeping organization Ranger Corps. After he is injured in a crash landing on Earth, a planet uninhabited for 1,000 years, his son (Jaden Smith) must navigate the unfamiliar landscape and battle new life forms to signal for help. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the highlights of Will Smith's career and how he left his throne as the prince of Bel-Air to become one of the world's biggest movie stars.



Will Jaden Smith follow in his famous father's footsteps? HANDOUT

## Reel Guys

**RICHARD  
CROUSE AND  
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# Why we love Will

**After Earth.** As Smith and son's new film opens this weekend, the Reel Guys reflect on the actor's journey from *Fresh Prince* to king of Hollywood

**Richard:** Mark, *The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air* proved that Will Smith has a flair for broad comedy, so it's surprising that over the years he's played so few funny roles. He's always charming and his films usually have the odd laugh, but rarely has he played it strictly for laughs. In 1993 the safe move for Smith would have been to make a

comedy, instead he chose to play a con-man in the serious, talky *Six Degrees of Separation*. It's a heavyweight role, and he's really good in it. What's your favourite Will Smith role?

**Mark:** Will Smith must be the most likeable Hollywood star this side of Tom Hanks. I wish I could say I like all his movies, but I can't. I really like his more serious roles. My favourite? *The Pursuit of Happyness*. His character, based on a true story, is a man caught in desperate financial circumstances, who raises a young boy while homeless. The movie is ultimately uplifting as he becomes a successful stockbroker, but it's a harrowing journey, and

Smith plays it to perfection.

**RC:** In 2008 he played two creatures that don't exist in real life, an alien with an anger management problem and an IRS tax collector with a conscience. *Hancock* has a dash of *Men in Black*'s wonky humour, a glimpse of his action hero of *Independence Day*, and a taste of *Enemy of the State*'s troubled paranoiac. Best of all there is absolutely nothing in there that echoes *Wild Wild West*. In *Seven Pounds* he's a taxman crushed by the weight of his emotions, a walking zombie who has given up on life. And he's terrific in both movies.

**MB:** *Hancock* didn't quite work for me, but *Enemy of*

the State sure did. But I'm such a troubled paranoiac myself I might have liked anybody in the role. Smith is great in *Seven Pounds*, a weird picture by any standards. But if it's Will Smith as hero you're looking for, he's commanding in all 157 minutes of *Ali*. And he's suave and debonair in *Hitch*.

**RC:** We can't forget *Men in Black*. The sequels have been (profitable) disappointments, but Smith's Agent J is always fun.

**MB:** Now that I think of it, if Will Smith is in a movie I don't like, it's the movie I don't like, not Smith. And that includes — shudder — *The Legend of Bagger Vance*.

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# To prep for The East, Ellen Page moved west

## Eco-activism.

Actress spent time on a settlement that practised 'freeganism'

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At age 20 Ellen Page became a star playing Juno in the film of the same name. She was nominated for an Academy Award and would go on to make movies like Whip It and Inception, but first she took some time off.

"I studied permaculture, design and eco village development at a place called Lost Valley in Oregon with a lot of people who had the

same philosophy — strictly freegan," she says.

Freeganism, or the practice of salvaging discarded food, was just one of the things that fascinated Page during her month-long stay at the settlement. The experience taught her to live more simply and to really think about her relationship with the planet. Her time there also prepared her for The

East, a new eco-thriller co-starring Alexander Skarsgård and Britt Marling.

"On top of it being an incredibly beautifully written piece of work, there were so many ideas that I was very excited about and thinking about," she says.

In the film she plays Izzy, a member of a shadowy group of eco-activists called The East — think a more hands-on version



Ellen Page stars opposite Alexander Skarsgård in *The East*. HANDOUT

of real-life group Anonymous — who live by an anarchist eco code.

"We were able to talk about the experience I had and relate what that does to you as a person when you've been raised with this narrative given to us by the system

that exists.

"Then you go experience something that completely flips everything on its head," she says.

"That is a wild ride to go on. Then to walk back out into the world and society, you see things differently."

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### Drama



### Now You See Me

Director. Louis Leterrier

Stars. Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson

There's nothing quite like a good heist movie, and if you can throw in a bit of sleight-of-hand, all the better. As a film, *Now You See Me* seems to know it's not supposed to be much more than a good time, and there's nothing wrong with that. Whoever pulled this ensemble together is the real star here. The Four Horsemen (Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Isla Fisher and Dave Franco) take what could've been bad CW drama-level characters and make them imminently watchable.

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### Sci-fi/Action



### After Earth

Directors. M. Night Shyamalan

Stars. Jaden Smith, Will Smith

After his last few attempts (including 2010's *The Last Airbender*), expectations for M. Night Shyamalan's films couldn't be lower and *After Earth* likely won't help matters. A vehicle to re-team Will Smith and his son Jaden, this futuristic thriller crashes the pair on a deserted Earth where they must survive ferociously evolved creatures and seek rescue. While Shyamalan fills the film with plenty of eye-catching effects, wooden dialogue and a shortage on soul keeps its audience at arm's length. **STEVE GOW**

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# Takei talks passing the Sulu torch to John Cho

**Star Trek.** Iconic actor recalls soothing Cho's fears about boarding the USS Enterprise

Portraying USS Enterprise helmsman Hikaru Sulu in the latest Star Trek movie comes with big shoes to fill, but the

man who played the part in the TV series and six films has given his blessing to the actor currently playing the role.

Even though George Takei — whose portrayal of Sulu made him a science fiction legend — said he had not yet had time to catch recently released Star Trek Into Darkness due to his busy schedule, he feels John Cho is the “ideal

## Beware the Trekkies

**“He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans”**

George Takei on meeting John Cho

choice” to carry on Sulu's legacy due to the actor's “charm, intelligence, dash and sharpness.”

“When (director) J.J. Abrams first announced he had cast Hikaru Sulu, I got a call from John (Cho) asking to have lunch with me,” Takei said Friday in Singapore, where he attended the inaugural Social Star Awards. “He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans and doing comic conventions, but he was more concerned about how the fans

would accept him because they have identified the character of Sulu with me for so long and he was worried about how he would be received.”

“So I told him that it wouldn't be too long before I'll be known as the guy who played John Cho's part, and he was comforted by that,” Takei said with a laugh.

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John Cho. HANDOUT

## Wooing Julianne Moore

“While Julianne Moore is a married woman with two kids, she's just a human being. It's not like I can't connect to her in any kind of way. So it was never awkward because of that.

“It was just treated with the same kind sensitivity and casuality as any other kind of thing.”

Actor **Michael Angarano** about his new romantic comedy The English Teacher. The 25-year-old takes on the role of a university graduate who woos his former high school teacher (Julianne Moore) as they attempt to mount his play.

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# Montreal's DJ Champion returns to music after recovering from cancer

**A Champion.** Maxime Morin releases 1, a journey through the recent years of his life

When Montreal's DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer three years ago, he felt strangely confident he could fight it. The outlook for his career, however, appeared terminal.

"I gave up on music," said the 43-year-old musician, born Maxime Morin, from his home recently.

"It was very important for me at that time to get better, to just say: 'OK, I'm done with music. As of now, I do not consider myself a musician anymore. I do not consider myself anything. Just a human being trying to stay alive.'

"We're talking about life — my own life," he added. "Don't (mess) with it. So stop pretending to be someone, and just be alive."

He succeeded there, and as the threat of cancer dissipated, Morin re-engaged with music — resulting in last Tuesday's release of the expressive, elegant 1.

But it's easy to understand why this orchestral feat once seemed an impossible dream.

When Morin was diagnosed with Stage 3 lymphoma in spring 2010, his doctor believed he had only about two or three months to live.

But she didn't share that dire prognostication with the Quebec turntable maestro.

## The album

- 1 certainly is new, a marked departure from DJ Champion's previous work — which was often characterized by the inspired alchemy of such seemingly disparate genres as grunge, electronic, soul and dance.

- On his latest work, Champion is uncommonly focused, creating an ornately orchestrated journey through the harrowing but ultimately triumphant recent years of his life. He's still incorporating giddy bits from every corner of

his record collection — with guitars and electro baubles gleaming above the surface — but the album's ever-present strings bind the mix to a symphonic sonic framework.

- Champion said the album is meant to represent him, warts and all. "I wanted to be transparent," he said. "This is who I am. This is what I am. That's why no blues songs or blues-grunge songs are there. I wanted to show I can't sing. I'm a bad singer. That's who I am."

"They don't tell you that when you're about to die," he said with a hearty laugh, showcasing the gallows humour that appears to have become second nature.

"If you have a good doctor, they won't tell you. My doctor didn't tell me that. Because the first time I saw her, she was very subtle, very calm."

Morin was to have eight treatments and begin medication. And he was going to survive.

"She told me with her conviction ... she was going to heal me, and save me," he recalled. "That's it, that's all. No questions asked."

"I was convinced that it wasn't my time," he added. "Yes, I was going to die, but not that day, not that year, not right now. I was convinced of that."

He was right, which he'd find out about six months later. Morin was given a

clean bill of health.

Asked how he feels now, he responds with characteristic wit.

"I'm a used car," he says. "But I'm OK." "Being sick is a really good lesson in humility," he said, "and your ego takes a big slap in the teeth."

This album is "very important," Morin says — almost redundantly, given the furious enthusiasm that beams through clearly in his voice as he discusses the work.

And yet, his perspective on what's important has surely shifted.

"When you go back to music afterwards, well, you see it very differently," he said.

"Because I used to see music as a very important part of my life. And now it is, it still is. But my life comes first. Music is music."

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DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer but he was convinced it wasn't his time to die — yet. PAUL CHIASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# IV Play a rude awakening of a different variety for The-Dream

**R&B.** Hip hop's premier songwriter goes from racy to ratchet with his brand new album

**LAUREN CARTER**  
Metro World News in New York City

The-Dream has always been a sex-obsessed R&B genius, but now he's turned things up a notch. On his new album, *IV Play*, which drops this week, the singer, songwriter and producer isn't afraid to express his desires.

He says the extra dose of risqué talk and bawdy calls for sex are a reflection of where he's at in his life, and where we're at as a society. For the uninitiated, this is ratchet-infused R&B.

"I'd like to think it's a very vibe-y, adult album," says the man born Terius Nash. "I've been out, I've been in clubs so I know we're in the ratchet era of things. I'm sure there's been a lot of ratchetness on my album because of what's been going through our culture, which is a good thing, by the way. The 'ratchet' word sounds like it's negative, but it's actually more free than most R&B songs could be, than pop could be. 'I don't give a f—,' that's basically what it's saying."

If *IV Play* embraces more explicit come-ons — and a few more drug references — than we're used to, it still boasts the same sound we'd expect from the musical mastermind behind some of the most memorable songs in modern R&B.



The-Dream says the new project is 'a very vibe-y adult album.' HANDOUT

The-Dream has crafted megahits for the likes of Beyoncé (*Single Ladies*, *Put a Ring on It*), Rihanna (*Umbrella*) and Justin Bieber (*Baby*), and racked up multiple Grammy Awards, so it's no surprise that industry heavyweights like Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Pusha T and 2 Chainz appear on *IV Play*, which rounds out

## Just being honest

**"It's like, 'Yo, this is where I am in my life.' I can't make a video or an album for a child that's 16."**

The-Dream, on his new, naughtier approach

a handful of edgier tracks with sweet serenades and dark, introspective numbers.

The wave of ratchet hip-hop may not be the most surprising influence on *IV Play*,

though. You might also hear some classical music making its way into the compositions. The-Dream says it's his favourite genre.

"When those brass horns come in, there's drama tied to that. When the flutes come in, there's some type of majestic feeling that comes over you," he says of the clas-

## Forthcoming collaborations

### Love vs. money

In addition to finishing up his fifth album (with the title, you'd think *IV Play* was his fourth) and preparing for the *Lights Out* tour with Kelly Rowland, The-Dream is collaborating with Kanye West, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. He remains tight-lipped about what those forthcoming collaborations entail.

"I've probably done the least on Kanye's, because he's like a machine like I am and just timing-wise, but I can say I've definitely done a lot of work with Bey and Jay," he says. "It's definitely multiple songs."

sical compositions he's often listening to. "You're just listening. There's no judgment. It's not 'Yeah, well he sucks, so I'm not listening to whatever his record is or whether he did a magical thing or not or whether that song makes sense.'"

The-Dream says American culture pays more attention to fashion choices and rumours than the most important factor concerning an artist — the music.

"All those genius (composers) were probably kind of crazy themselves, but what we took from them most was that their music was outstanding and they were great at it," he says. "Period."



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### Reach for the Dead (Reversed)/Boards of Canada

What does it say about this Scottish band's upcoming album Tomorrow's Harvest that fans will listen to it forwards and backwards? And that it sounds good in both directions?

## It's Romeo and Juliet — the record label edition

When Elvis Costello and The Roots teamed up for a new album, they knew their pairing was unlikely and unconventional, so they secretly recorded music without the approval of their record labels.

"Sometimes if you ... get the record company involved, then people have ambition rather than starting to play, so we started to play," Costello said in a recent interview.

"We did it without a label or deadline pressure," said Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson as he sat next to Costello. "This

absolutely was a passion project."

They began recording Wise Up Ghost, which will be released Sept. 17, two years ago. It's a moody, 12-track album that features both new songs and others borrowed from Costello's catalogue, including the drum-filled Sugar Won't Work, which samples from You Left Me in the Dark, and the soft and simple Tripwire, which takes from Satellite.

The Roots first collaborated with Costello on NBC's

Late Night With Jimmy Fallon, where the hip-hop group is the house band. They also worked with the 58-year-old British rocker at a Prince tribute concert in March.

"This is like our dream — that's all I can say," a smiling Questlove said. "This is the first project at Fallon where I'm making my musical dreams come true."

Longtime Roots collaborator Steven Mandel co-produced Wise Up Ghost with Questlove and Costello.

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# Little green men go under the microscope

**Aliens: The Definitive Guide.** New show asks the finest scientific minds what they believe about E.T.s and U.F.O.s

Maybe those science-fiction scenarios about killer robots from space invading the Earth aren't so far-fetched after all.

Aliens bearing little resemblance to Steven Spielberg's cuddly E.T. might actually eye Earth for its potential slaves and to plunder its natural resources, say scientists interviewed in *Aliens: The Definitive Guide*, a new documentary being broadcast Sunday on Discovery Canada.

In short, they might be a lot like humans were when they explored new lands. But don't go running for the shelters just yet. Even if aliens are headed for us now, space travel can take thousands of years using currently known technology, which probably rules out the

possibility of any malevolent E.T.s touching down during our lifetime, anyway.

Producer Alan Handel says aliens are a "never-ending preoccupation" for people, so making the documentary was a no-brainer. He says surveys indicate that many Canadians believe extra-terrestrials exist and may already have dropped in. "I just think it's a really neat concept to say, 'OK, let's take it seriously and go to some of the best scientific minds in the world and ask their opinion.'"

However, *Aliens: The Definitive Guide* isn't a tale of extra-terrestrial terror and instead entertainingly poses an exhaustive list of questions about who may be beyond the stars.

What planets might have life? How might its inhabitants get here? What would they look like? And what are their possible intentions?

These are some of the queries pondered in the two-hour film by Montreal's Handel Productions and U.K.-based Arrow Media. A theoretical physicist at City University of New York



Would E.T. be as cuddly and warm in real life or the opposite? AP/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

## Chances are...

**"The Hubble space telescope can see about 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe."**

Michio Kaku, American theoretical physicist

scoffs at anyone who tries to suggest we're the only life forms in the universe.

"Gimme a break," Michio Kaku (American theoretical physicist) says in the documentary. "I mean, how many stars are out there in the universe anyway? The Hubble Space Telescope can see about a 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe," he says. "Each galaxy consists of 100 billion stars. Do the math."

All the scientists agreed that any alien who touched down on Earth would be pretty advanced scientifically. It's not the first time Handel has tackled a subject that would be considered more in the realm of sensational supermarket

tabloids. Their last definitive guide documentary was on Bigfoot and the next one in the works looks at time travel.

Handel describes himself as a "professional skeptic" when it comes to extra-terrestrial life and UFOs. He says he was surprised by the number of planets that might support life in some form and the extent of the likelihood that alien life could visit Earth. "It was really surprising to me. I had no idea. I think it's a program that's full of surprises and revelations."

He noted that science fiction can often cross the line into science fact, and pointed to one of his other previous films, *How William Shatner Changed The World*. That documentary discussed how some technology in the old *Star Trek* TV shows and movies had actually become real. "It's interesting to do a kind of reality check on science fiction and see how far away we are from that vision being real, or real down the road."

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## Star-studded summer. FX chief reveals hot new season schedule

New series from Billy Crystal, Diane Kruger and horror master Guillermo del Toro are among the star-studded projects bound for FX Canada.

The channel's summer lineup will be anchored by Kruger's crime drama *The Bridge*, also starring Demi Dan Bichir. Premiering July 10, it centres on two detectives — one from the United States and one from Mexico — who must work together to hunt down a serial killer operating on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border.

The vampire thriller *The Strain*, from del Toro, is expected to shoot its pilot in Toronto this summer. It features Corey Stoll (*House of Cards*) as a disease specialist in New York City who is called on to investigate a strange viral outbreak.

Oscar-winner Charlie Kaufman (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *Being John Malkovich*) is behind the comedy *How and Why*, which centres on a man who can explain how and why a nuclear reactor works, but is clueless about life. Meanwhile, Crystal writes and stars in *The Comedians*, a 30-minute, single-camera comedy about a superstar veteran comedian who is reluctantly paired with a younger, edgier comic for a late-night sketch show.

FX Networks boss John Landgraf said the increas-



Guillermo del Toro. GETTY IMAGE

ingly tough movie marketplace is driving a lot of big Hollywood talent to small screen projects, where premium cable fare is seen as dynamic, exciting and original.

"The loss in some ways of the theatrical feature business is the gain of television," he said.

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## FX summer highlights

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## Settle down Twiards— Rob and Katy just friends

Robert Pattinson has been leaning a lot on pal Katy Perry in the wake of his split from Kristen Stewart — so much so that it's beginning to turn heads.

But sources insist to E! News that their pairing is strictly platonic.

"Nothing is going on be-

tween Rob and Katy. They are just super-good friends. There is nothing romantic about it," a source says.

"Rob and Katy are just very similar people and she adores him, as a friend, and she just wants to be there for him as a mate."

As for Pattinson's relationship coming to an end, the Twilight star is reportedly taking it in stride.

"Rob is doing fine since the breakup," the source adds.

"He is not particularly cut up about it or anything. He is doing just fine."



David Beckham

## Grill it like Beckham

With his days playing soccer behind him, David Beckham is clearly on the lookout for new ways to spend his time.

One way, as it turns out, is teaming with pal Gordon Ramsay to open a sports bar and grill in the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, according to the Sun.

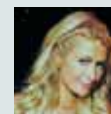
"The Strip has never seen such fierce competition for food, but Gordon's places are full seven nights a week," a

source tells the newspaper.

"When you add David Beckham's global status into the mix it has the potential to be the most talked about restaurant in Vegas."

But not so fast, everybody. Beckham's rep insists that the rumours of the Vegas joint venture are completely unfounded, though they are opening a London restaurant, Union Street Cafe, in September.

## Twitter



**@ParisHilton**

Life is short. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.



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My wife says "don't worry about the weather, it's going to be a hot Christmas"



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# Liven up your s'mores

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## Toasted Mocha

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece dark chocolate with espresso
- 2 snickerdoodle cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolate between snickerdoodles, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish the cookies together.

## Sesame Caramel

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece caramel-filled chocolate
- 2 pieces sesame crisp bread

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Carefully put it and caramel-filled chocolate between crisp bread, using top piece to clamp the marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish crisps together.

## Salted Oatmeal

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece sea salted dark chocolate
- 1 square soft caramel, flattened with your palms
- 2 oatmeal cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer and place it, chocolate and caramel between cookies, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place. Squish cookies together.

## Double Choco Grasshopper

- 1 marshmallow
- 2 mint-filled chocolates
- 2 chocolate graham crackers

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolates between graham crackers, using the top cracker to help remove marshmallow from skewer. Squish.

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## Liquid Assets

### Grown-up apple juice



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Rejoice apple lovers, for I predict this will be the summer of cider.

It's been a long time coming in Canada. You'd think that as an apple-producing country, fermented apple juice would be a hot commodity. But unlike our drinking compatriots in Europe, we've relegated it to second tier beverage status.

You don't have to be a Coronation Street fan to know Brits enjoy a pint of the thirst-quenching stuff — it's an on-tap standard at pubs across the U.K.

Since they are both easy-drinkers, I've no doubt that there's a correlation between the exploding craft beer industry and the way consumers are embracing the wave of specialty cider hitting our shores.

Foundry Golden Cider (500 ml, \$3 to \$3.95) is a tasty place to start. Classically English, it offers a dry, crisp apple fruit flavour with a touch of effervescence that makes it a great seasonal food companion (think anything grilled).

Don't let global brands distract you from the many

ciders being produced in your own backyard. This is one trend making it easy to drink local. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



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# Good nutrition for man's best friend

**Healthy diet.** Select high-quality, reputable commercial food for your canine companion

MICHELLE WILLIAMS  
For Metro

It's difficult watching your dog woefully begging for a few of your table scraps. While it might be tempting to scrape your plate into Fido's bowl, is it really a good idea?

"Dogs have distinct nutritional needs, different from humans," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and a veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition. "Studies show that after two or three months of eating food that is not specifically prepared or formulated for dogs, they become nutrient deficient."

In order to ensure your dog enjoys a healthy diet, here are a few things you should be considering when feeding your canine companion.

**Feed your dog a balanced diet.** All-meat diets, table



Select a diet specific to your pet's needs to ensure it lives a healthy life. DEKLOFENAK/VEER

scraps or dog foods that are not optimally formulated to meet a dog's nutritional needs are not the best choices. "Select a high-quality, reputable,

commercial food for your dog," Curtin said. "They're formulated to ensure your dog receives all the valuable nutrients he can absorb."

**Hard and soft foods are both good for your pet.** According to Curtin, "both are good, and if your dog learns to eat both then neither will be strange

or foreign." Some dog owners worry that canned food isn't good for their dog's teeth, but Curtin says otherwise. "Canned food doesn't cause

## How much is too much?

"If dog food is formulated by a reputable company, you can follow the guidelines on the packaging," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. "Dog food companies have done feeding trials to ensure they know how much you should be giving your dog."

However, consider such things as your dog's age and lifestyle — if your pet is sedentary or older it may not need as much food.

MICHELLE WILLIAMS

dental disease any more than kibble. If you're looking for a food that helps the teeth, there are diets specifically formulated to clean them."

**Select a diet specific to your pet's needs.** Pick a formulation that works best for your dog's needs. "Work with your veterinarian to determine the best formulation for your dog based on his specific age, breed and health concerns," Curtin said.



Feed your dog at specific feeding times, don't just leave food down all the time. ANDRESR/VEER

## Feeding time. Don't let Rover go overboard

Feeding your dog should be simple, so here are some easy ways you can optimize your pet's diet and lifestyle.

**1** Don't leave the food down all the time. Just feed your dog at their specific feeding time. "Dogs won't self-regulate, which means they can end up eating too much and becoming obese," said Dr. Donna Curtin, an Ontario Veterinary Medical Association board member and veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition.

**2** Keep the water bowl clean. It's vital that your dog always has a ready supply of clean water. Be sure to top it up after your dog has been active or spent time outside in the summer heat. "This is especially true for little dogs, because it dilutes their urine and makes them less prone to urinary crystals, which form together to make bladder

### Maintaining a healthy weight

- You want to be sure your dog maintains a healthy weight — that means "you should be able to see your dog's 'waist' and you should easily be able to feel her ribs," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario

Veterinary Medical Association. If not, you may reconsider what you feed your dog and how much you are feeding it. Don't forget that if your dog has weight challenges, it's also important to add more exercise to its routine.

stones," Curtin said.

**3** Watch the treats. "Dog treats are formulated to be given to your pet occasionally, so limit treats to once or twice daily," Curtin said. Filling up on treats may make your dog lose interest in its meals, so consider a game of fetch, a belly rub or a cuddle — your dog will love that just as much.

**4** Get healthy together. Walk your dog at least

once a day to keep your pet's heart, bones and muscles healthy and to help maintain a healthy weight. Just letting your dog out in the backyard won't ensure it gets the exercise it needs. Get out and walk, throw a ball or play a game of soccer together. "It's great pet bonding time, too," Curtin said. And keeping your dog active means you are exercising, too, which benefits you both. MICHELLE WILLIAMS



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### On Stage: Hayden

Critically-acclaimed Canadian singer-songwriter, Hayden, returns to Halifax — The Marquee Ballroom to be exact — Saturday night. Sharing the evening with special guest Lou Canon, Hayden is performing in support of his latest release, Us Alone. Hayden spent nearly two decades creating uniquely affecting music defined by deep personal sentiment and attracting listeners across musical genres and now will give Halifax audiences a taste. Visit: sonicconcerts.com



### Feel the Glow: Beams

On the backs of their most recent album release, Just Rivers, Toronto-based indie folk septuplet Beams is making a stop in Halifax Saturday night at Michaels Bar and Grill. Produced by Peter J. Moore (creator of the Cowboy Junkies' infamous Trinity Sessions recording), Just Rivers shines a spotlight on its principal songwriter and lead singer, Anna Mernieks. The band's lush vocal harmonies and layers of melody often belie the disquieting and sinister aspects of Anna's lyrics. Visit: banjobeams.com



### Shop for a Cause: Rebel Girl Rock Camp Fundraiser.

The Khyber's Turret Room will be transformed into a vintage clothing market, complete with music, treats, and maybe some surprises. Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. is the time and Rebel Girl Rock Camp is the cause. It's the cause. Interested in selling some old duds? Email halifaxclothingmarket@gmail.com. Come check out the collection of local vendors for \$2.



### Can spin will travel: HRM Bike Week

Want to be a "SPOKES-person" for biking in HRM? Well starting Friday and running officially through June 9, you can. HRM Bike Week aims to celebrate, educate and increase participation in all types of cycling throughout the region. It's an exciting, community-driven event encouraging people of all ages and abilities to get outside and be more active. Maybe leave the car at home and bust out the old bike ... and appreciate how much this city needs better bike lanes! Visit: halifax.ca/bikeweek



### Feast for the festival

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**NBA playoffs**

## Heat put hurt on Pacers in Game 5

LeBron James scored 30 points, Udonis Haslem made his last eight shots on the way to a 16-point night and the Miami Heat used a dominant third quarter to turn things around and beat the Indiana Pacers 90-79 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals on Thursday.

Mario Chalmers scored 12 and Dwyane Wade added 10 for the Heat, who lead the series 3-2 and will look to close it out at Indiana on Saturday night.

Paul George had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who got 22 points from Roy Hibbert and 17 from David West.

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**MLB**

## Braves dismantle Dickey, Blue Jays

Ramiro Pena drove in four runs with three hits, including a run-scoring single in the sixth that gave Atlanta the lead, Mike Minor pitched seven strong innings and the Braves' makeshift lineup had 16 hits in an 11-3 win over R.A. Dickey and the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday night.

Freddie Freeman and Reed Johnson homered and Evan Gattis had three hits. Jordan Schafer added a two-run single in the sixth.

Pena, Schafer and Gattis made the most of fill-in starts as Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez rested three regulars hitting below .200: Outfielders B.J. Upton and Jason Heyward, and second baseman Dan Uggla.

Dickey (4-7) allowed 11 hits and six runs in six innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Memorial Cup rivals meet again in Toronto

## Joining forces.

MacKinnon, Drouin and Jones named new faces of CCM as NHL combine gets underway

Just days after the Memorial Cup, Seth Jones, Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin remain squarely in the hockey limelight.

MacKinnon, the smooth centre from the Halifax Mooseheads rated No. 2 by NHL Central Scouting, has gone through interviews with 17 teams at this week's NHL draft combine.

Jones, the Portland Winterhawks defenceman rated the top North American draft prospect, had 17 as well.

Drouin, a high-scoring winger from the Memorial Cup champion Mooseheads rated the No. 3 prospect, had 19 interviews.

Some 100 prospects are at the combine in Toronto, where the focus switches from interviews to fitness testing Friday and Saturday.

Jones wasn't sure how many of the fitness tests he would do, saying his body was "definitely worn down" after playing more than 90 games this year. Drouin

## Last laugh

**"They have bragged a couple of times."**

Seth Jones, commenting on Halifax Mooseheads duo Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin, who beat his Portland Winterhawks 6-4 in Sunday night's Memorial Cup final. MacKinnon and Drouin noted that Jones had one over them as a member of the world junior champion Americans.



Memorial Cup champions Jonathan Drouin, left, and Nathan MacKinnon flank their Portland Winterhawks rival Seth Jones at an NHL combine press conference on Thursday in Toronto. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

seemed ready for anything.

MacKinnon was taken aback when one team asked him what kind of hockey player he would be if he couldn't skate.

"It tricked me a little because my whole game is around speed," he said. "A tough one to answer."

Cole Harbour's MacKinnon, who doesn't turn 18 until Oct. 1, had 32 goals and 43 assists in the QMJHL regular season.

Drouin said his toughest question was what kind of player he would be if he didn't have hands — presumably soft hands.

"Hard question to answer," he said. "Probably chip the puck in and go."

Drouin, a native of Huberdeau, Que., who turned 18 on

March 27, collected 41 goals and 64 assists, winning CHL player-of-the-year honours.

The son of former NBAer Popeye Jones, Seth had 14 goals and 42 assists in the WHL this season. He took up hockey in Denver while his father played for the Nuggets, but said his interview with the Avalanche was no different from any other interview.

"They didn't treat me special or anything from what I've heard from other players," said Jones.

The real test will come June 30 at the NHL draft in Newark, N.J. Colorado picks first, followed by Florida and Tampa Bay.

"It still feels a little surreal that the draft is coming so close now," said the six-foot-four,

## Signing on the dotted line

The top-three NHL prospects got a taste of what awaits young hockey stars. On Thursday evening, they were introduced as the new faces of Reebok-CCM.

- Nathan MacKinnon, Jonathan Drouin and Seth Jones will showcase new Reebok-CCM equipment, joining the likes of Sidney Crosby, John Tavares and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins at the company.

205-pound Jones, a native of Frisco, Texas, who turns 19 on Oct. 3.

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# Boston rookie ready to face hockey heroes

**NHL playoffs.** Pittsburgh native will see familiar faces Saturday, with Jagr by his side and Lemieux in Penguins owner's box

The smile spread across Matt Bartkowski's face even before the question was finished.

How will it feel to play against his hometown Penguins, the team he rooted for as a youngster?

"I can't believe how many times I've been asked that," the Bruins rookie defenceman said with a laugh. "It's going to be awesome."

Especially if Boston upsets Pittsburgh, the club that won



Boston Bruins rookie Matt Bartkowski  
CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

two Stanley Cups in the 1990s with two players who became his idols, Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr.

## Puck drop

- **Eastern Conference final.** Bruins at Penguins, Game 1: Saturday, 9 p.m. (CBC)
- **Western Conference final.** Kings at Blackhawks, Game 1: Saturday, 6 p.m. (TSN)

Now Lemieux is a co-owner of the Penguins and Jagr is Bartkowski's teammate in Boston. The teams begin the Eastern Conference finals in Pittsburgh on Saturday night.

"At the end of the day, I'm on Boston and that's Pittsburgh. We're there to win," Bartkowski said.

Bartkowski made his playoff debut in Game 5 of the opening round against Toronto after being recalled from Providence of the AHL to replace the injured Wade Redden.

He next appeared in Game 7 versus the Maple Leafs, scoring the first goal before the road team posted the next four. But he and the Bruins rallied, won 5-4 in overtime, and suddenly, he appeared as if he was there to stay.

He played well in all five games of the next round against the New York Rangers. But Andrew Ference, sidelined with a lower-body injury, could return soon and that could leave Bartkowski out of the lineup.

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## French Open

### Mattek-Sands knocks off Li

Bethanie Mattek-Sands skipped backward across the clay, her wagging tongue framed by a smile as she savoured yet another surprising victory for American tennis at the French Open.

Rejuvenated by a rain delay, Mattek-Sands came from a set down to beat 2011

champion Li Na 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 Thursday in the second round at Roland Garros.

Following the second interruption of the match, Mattek-Sands swept seven consecutive games from Li to take a 5-0 lead in the final set.

"She's a champion, and I had to play some of my best tennis ever to beat her," Mattek-Sands said. "I'm really proud of myself that I was able to close out the match the way I did."

Defending champion Maria Sharapova led 19-year-old Canadian Eugenie Bouchard 6-2, 4-2 when their match was interrupted by rain shortly before dark and suspended until Friday.

In men's play, six-time major champion Novak Djokovic gestured at threatening clouds between points, trying to keep them away, and managed to finish his drubbing of Guido Pella, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2.

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## NHL PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### PITTSBURGH (1) VS. BOSTON (4)

**Saturday's game**

Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

**Monday's game**

Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday's game**

Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.

**Friday's game**

Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.

**Sunday's game**

x-Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

**Tuesday's game**

x-Pittsburgh at Boston, TBD

**Wednesday's game**

x-Boston at Pittsburgh, TBD

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### CHICAGO (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)

**Saturday's game**

Los Angeles at Chicago, 5 p.m.

**Sunday's game**

Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.

**Tuesday's game**

Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

**Thursday's game**

Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

**Saturday's game**

x-Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.

**Monday's game**

x-Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

**Wednesday's game**

x-Los Angeles at Chicago, TBD

x — played only if necessary.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)

(Miami leads 3-2)

**Thursday's result**

Miami 90 Indiana 79

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### SAN ANTONIO (2) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio wins 4-0)

## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	22	.593	—
New York	30	23	.566	1½
Baltimore	30	24	.556	2
Tampa Bay	28	24	.538	3
Toronto	23	31	.426	9

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	22	.569	—
Cleveland	29	24	.547	1
Chicago	24	27	.471	5
Minnesota	22	28	.440	6½
Kansas City	21	29	.420	7½

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	20	.623	—
Oakland	31	24	.564	3
Los Angeles	24	29	.453	9
Seattle	23	31	.426	10½
Houston	16	37	.302	17

#### Thursday's results

Texas 9 Arizona 5  
Baltimore 2 Washington 0  
N.Y. Mets 3 N.Y. Yankees 1  
Cleveland 7 Cincinnati 1  
Milwaukee at Minnesota  
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels  
**Wednesday's results**  
Baltimore 9 Washington 6  
N.Y. Mets 9 N.Y. Yankees 4  
Cleveland 5 Cincinnati 2  
Arizona at Texas, postponed  
Minnesota 4 Milwaukee 1  
L.A. Angels 4 L.A. Dodgers 3

#### Friday's games

**All times Eastern**  
Detroit (Scherzer 7-0) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Moore 8-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 3-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Boston (Lester 6-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Saban 4-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Davis 3-4) at Texas (Holland 4-2), 8:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Iwakuma 5-1) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-5), 8:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 3-3) at Oakland (Colon 5-2), 10:05 p.m.  
Houston (Keuchel 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	32	21	.604	—
Washington	27	27	.500	5½
Philadelphia	26	28	.481	6½
New York	22	29	.431	9
Miami	13	41	.241	19½

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	35	17	.673	—
Pittsburgh	34	20	.630	2
Cincinnati	33	21	.611	3
Chicago	22	30	.423	13
Milwaukee	19	33	.365	16

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	30	23	.566	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	1½
Colorado	28	25	.528	2
San Diego	24	29	.453	6
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	7

#### Thursday's results

Chicago Cubs 8 Chicago White Sox 3  
Seattle 7 San Diego 1  
San Francisco 5 Oakland 2  
Boston 9 Philadelphia 2  
Pittsburgh 1 Detroit 0 (11)  
Atlanta 11 Toronto 3  
Tampa Bay 5 Miami 2  
Kansas City at St. Louis  
Houston at Colorado  
**Wednesday's results**  
Chicago Cubs 9 Chicago White Sox 3  
Philadelphia 4 Boston 3  
Pittsburgh 5 Detroit 3  
Toronto 3 Atlanta 0  
Tampa Bay 3 Miami 1  
St. Louis 5 Kansas City 3  
Houston 6 Colorado 3  
San Diego 3 Seattle 2 (10)  
Oakland 9 San Francisco 6  
**Friday's games — All times Eastern**  
Arizona (Miley 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-5) at Philadelphia (Hammels 1-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Cueto 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Rodriguez 6-2), 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Marcum 0-5) at Miami (Turner 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
Washington (Strasburg 3-5) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-1), 7:30 p.m.  
San Francisco (Cain 4-2) at St. Louis (Miller 5-3), 8:15 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Colorado (Garland 3-6), 8:40 p.m.  
Toronto (Jenkins 1-0) at San Diego (Marquis 6-2), 10:10 p.m.

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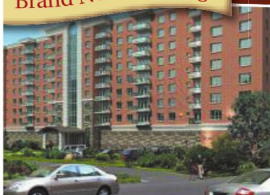
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### Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will be in a social mood today and you are advised to get whatever obligations you have out of the way quickly so you can focus on more interesting things — and people. Friends are fun, and so are you.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It may feel as if your life is in limbo but don't worry about it. You will soon be moving in the right direction. The road may at times be tough but you're tough enough to walk it.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you let people know what it is you are planning, you make it easier for them to compete with you, so keep it to yourself for the time being. Knowledge is power and power is not something you just give away.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you focus on negative thoughts then, inevitably, you will get negative results. As Mars moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today, you must be positive in every possible way.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are in an aggressive mood and it's likely that someone you encounter today will bring out the worst in you. Try to remember though that not everyone is your enemy.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As Mars moves into the career area of your chart today, you may find yourself looking over your shoulder more often than you should. "Enemies" cannot do anything to hurt you.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

No matter how many little things may have gone wrong, big things are still going well and will continue to move in your favour. The world is a wonderful place — and getting better by the minute.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Focus on the good things in life. According to the planets, you can't do a thing wrong at the moment — and even if you do, Mercury will help you talk your way out of it.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Your luck seems to be in at the moment and you would not be human if you did not take advantage of it. Don't listen to those who say it is immoral to succeed while others fail.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Look at the world and see what a wonderful place it is. With a little bit of optimism, you can achieve some extraordinary things. What might you achieve with a lot?

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Find ways to combine words and actions. With Mars, planet of energy, moving in your favour there is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. And there's the only problem: you seem distracted.

### Pisces

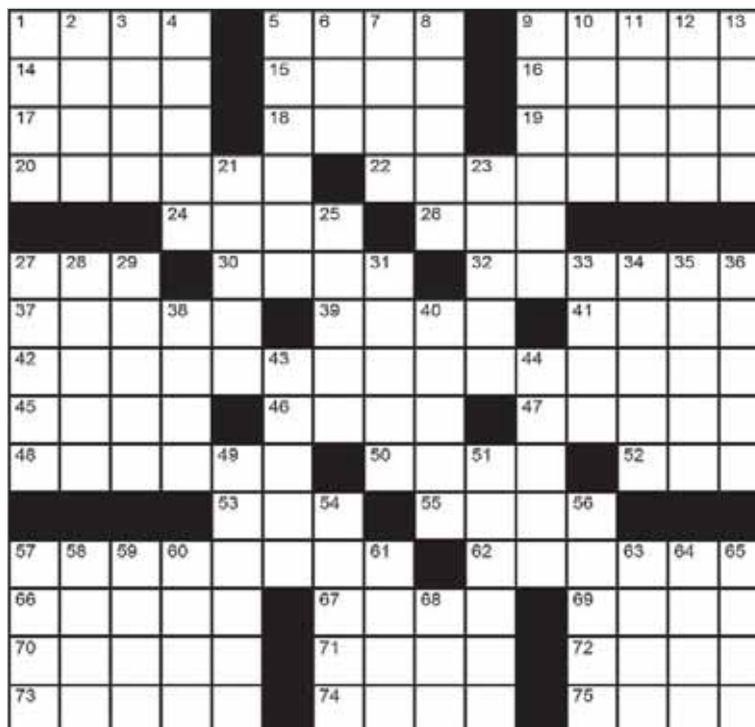
Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone gives you a tough time today, you must take them on. If you let them get away with saying untrue things, they will take it as a sign of weakness. Stand up for yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Chatters
5. "Ah, me."
9. Bedding linen
14. Rush, office-style
15. Do some road-work
16. Mr. Pig
17. Fodder holder
18. Ransack
19. Boring tool
20. The Rachel, in the 1990s, for one
22. Alberta's provincial flower: 2 wds.
24. Office fill-in worker
26. Scottish negative
27. Cave's ceiling clinger
30. "Want to make \_\_\_?"
32. \_\_\_ and bass (Stereos knobs)
37. Like the potatoes in the pot
39. Scooby's sniffer
41. Alex Rodriguez, to baseball fans
42. k.d. lang hit: 2 wds.
45. Cooking show appliance
46. Swerve
47. Slim spot to sit on
48. Get comfy
50. Shania Twain's ex-hubby Mr. Lange
52. R's spelled-out follower
53. Ceramics, for example
55. Bar beverage
57. Ontario hometown of The Tragically Hip
62. Typos



66. "Chasing Pavements" songstress
67. Charlize Theron movie, "\_\_\_ Flux" (2005)
69. Exuberance
70. Happen again
71. Beach volleyball surface
72. Birthday dessert
73. The Great \_\_\_
74. Cafeteria carrier

75. Understood
- Down**
1. Large cut
2. "Heat of the Moment" band
3. Island of Indonesia
4. Football, for example
5. Poise
6. Philosopher, \_\_\_-tzu
7. Profess

8. \_\_\_ stone (Cannot be changed): 2 wds.
9. "Boston Legal" actor James
10. "This \_\_\_ Has 22 Minutes" on CBC
11. Thus
12. \_\_\_ out a living
13. Ancient port of Lebanon
21. Gave out

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23. Afterwards
25. Short-tubed pasta
27. John Candy comedy, "Canadian \_\_\_" (1995)
28. Over
29. Hues
31. \_\_\_ pole
33. Roof part
34. Wedding gown wearer
35. Years
36. Boundaries
38. "\_\_\_ She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder
40. Surgeon's pre-surgery cleanse
43. Deflect
44. Vary
49. Cosmetic surgery tools
51. Like followers of fads
54. Wedding reception salute
56. Sunken ship
57. Communist, \_\_\_ Marx
58. Brain wave
59. Spot for some jewelry
60. Sticky stuff
61. By
63. The \_\_\_ Parsons Project
64. \_\_\_ 1, as per movie scene filming
65. From the start again
68. "\_\_\_ Carousel" by The Hollies

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

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4	5	9	7	2	6	3	1	8
7	2	3	4	1	8	9	6	5
2	7	5	9	8	1	6	3	4
3	9	6	5	7	4	2	8	1
8	4	1	2	6	3	7	5	9
6	1	7	8	9	2	5	4	3
9	8	4	6	3	5	1	7	2
5	3	2	1	4	7	8	9	6

7			1					3
	3			6	1	5		
	8		4	9				
	5				3			
1		8			5			2
		6				4		
			2	1			7	
	1	2	9				8	
9			4					1

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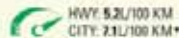
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